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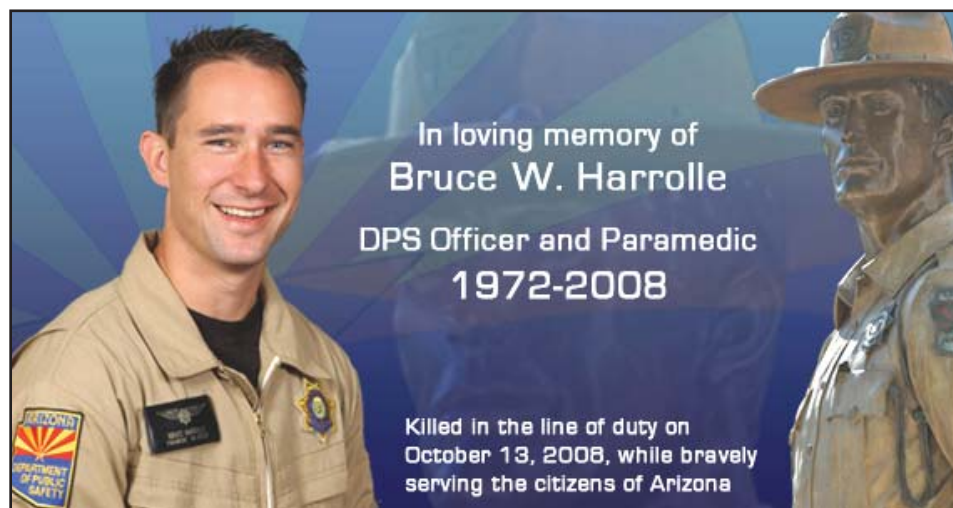
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Fallen hero

DPS Officer and Paramedic Bruce W. Harrolle (pictured) died in the line of duty on October 13 while on a mission to rescue two stranded and dehydrated hikers near Sedona. With his death, Harrolle became the Department's 28th officer to die in the line of duty. Services for Harrolle were held October 20.



Officer/Paramedic Bruce W. Harrolle dies on DPS rescue mission

Mourners comforted knowing Harrolle died doing what he loved - helping people

On October 13, Bruce W. Harrolle, 36, became the first Arizona Department of Public Safety officer to die in the line of duty in over eight years when he was hit by the overhead rotors of a DPS helicopter while on a mission to rescue two stranded and dehydrated hikers near Sedona.

Harrolle, who served the agency as both an officer and paramedic, and DPS Pilot Brad Heppner had been called out to search for the two stranded hikers via DPS helicopter at about 2:40 p.m. on that Monday.

The hikers were found and one was able to get aboard the helicopter. Harrolle was escorting the second hiker into the helicopter when he was struck by the rotors and fatally injured.

Heppner was able to complete the rescue and safely land the helicopter after the incident which occurred at about 3:18 p.m.

Services for Harrolle, who began his career with DPS in 1999, were held on October 20 at the Central Christian Church of the East Valley.

During the services, Harrolle was remembered for his infectious smile, his dedication to his wife and two young children, and the tremendous love he had for his job as an officer and certified paramedic with the DPS Air Rescue Unit.

Mourners took comfort knowing that Harrolle, who was born in Tucson, died doing what he loved most, helping people.

Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano and DPS Director Roger Vanderpool were among those who eulogized Harrolle at the services which were attended by hundreds of the fallen officer's friends, family members and colleagues.

Also attending the services were state officials and police honor guard members from throughout Arizona and several other states including Ohio, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Instead of traditional interment ceremonies, there was a flyover at Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport which served as an aerial salute to Harrolle's career.

Harrolle began his career in public service as an E.M.T. with the Rural Metro

Fire Department in Tucson.

He continued his training and education, becoming a paramedic and serving with Southwest Ambulance in the Northwest Fire District, Avra Valley, Mount Lemmon, Sun City, El Mirage, and Scottsdale Fire Departments.

Harrolle's love of flying and helping people eventually led him to DPS in 1999 as a cadet officer and paramedic. Upon graduation from the Arizona Law Enforcement Academy, he was assigned directly to the DPS Air Rescue Unit.

As a member of the unit, he completed hundreds of challenging search and rescue missions, as well as law enforcement missions, throughout Arizona (he served with the Department's Northern, Central, and Southern Air Rescue Units during his DPS career).

The efforts of Harrolle, whose co-workers said he was always eager to help others with any task, didn't go unrecognized.

He was a recipient of the prestigious

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From Director Roger L. Vanderpool's *Vantage Point*



As the director of our agency, I was extremely honored to be able to speak at the services for our recently fallen hero, Bruce W. Harrolle, on October 20.

He was the kind of officer any agency would love to have and he represented DPS in the finest possible

fashion.

More importantly, though, Bruce was an incredibly loving son, brother, husband, father and friend.

At his services, I talked about how reassuring it must have been to a person lost or hurt to see Bruce coming to their rescue with that huge boyish smile, friendly demeanor and confident swagger.

He was a true American and Arizona hero.

The impact Bruce had on others during his lifetime, and the way he showered his wife and two young children with love, brought to my mind the phrase "No Man is an Island."

Written by John Donne, part of what is meant by this is that as we go through life, we touch and impact many people. In fact, most of the richness of the human experience is in what is handed down from one life to the next and from one person to another.

The simple things of mortar and stone are irrelevant because it is the memories, the love, the being, and what a person did or said or felt that really matters.

That is why we remember good things – because they are worth remembering – and because we, the living, have a need to remember.

And we have so much to remember about Bruce. As an agency and as a family, we will never forget. Bruce will live on in our hearts and memories forever.

Harrolle . . .

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Distinguished Service Award at DPS for his role in the Lewis Prison hostage situation in 2004.

He was also the recipient of numerous letters of commendation for his role in various aerial rescues and lifesaving operations.

Whether he was helping rescue or assist those in great peril (such as the times he responded to the V-22 Osprey crash in Marana, the Aspen Fire on Mt. Lemmon, or the Lewis Prison Stand Off) or helping in critical police missions (such as the time he was part of the search for murder suspect Robert Fisher), Harrolle's colleagues said he worked with an unrivaled passion and zest for life.

Besides helping people, the only other thing Harrolle loved with every ounce of his heart, said his close friends, was his family (wife Angela, daughter Addison, age 4, and son Justice, age 2).

He spoke proudly and lovingly about his family to everyone he met.

Harrolle is also survived by his brother Brad Harrolle of Phoenix, mother Nancy Wolford and husband Buddy McAfee of Ohio, father Merl Harrolle and step-mother Sherri Harrolle of Tucson, step-father George and wife Diana Castellano, and grandmother Jean Wolford, all of Ohio.

With Harrolle's death, DPS has now lost 28 officers in the line of duty.

For those wishing to assist the family of the fallen DPS officer and paramedic, donations can be made at any Chase Bank. Simply visit a Chase Bank branch where deposits can be made to the Bruce Harrolle Account. The account number is: 2915063065.

Also, DPS has created a special website dedicated to Harrolle, which includes additional information and photos, that can be accessed from the DPS homepage at www.azdps.gov.

Upcoming issue of *The Digest* will be dedicated to Harrolle

A special edition of *The Digest* dedicated to fallen DPS Officer/Paramedic Bruce W. Harrolle will be published soon. The special edition will contain much more information about the DPS hero, including some of the touching memories and anecdotes shared about him at his services by Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano, DPS Director Roger Vanderpool and one of Bruce's best friends, Brad Bradely.

The special edition will also feature several more photos.

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IED explosion fails to keep Reserve Officer Steve Martin down

Wounded, but undeterred, Martin talks of experiences throughout the world

by Kellen Chavez, Digest Staff Writer

Steve Martin is laughing.

He is talking about how being confined to a hospital bed has done wonders for his waist size.

He has lost 30 pounds, but the 38 year old admits that this is hardly the way he imagined he would drop that kind of weight.

Sept. 24 did not feel much different from any other day he had experienced since embedding with the Army in Afghanistan as part of an international police mission.

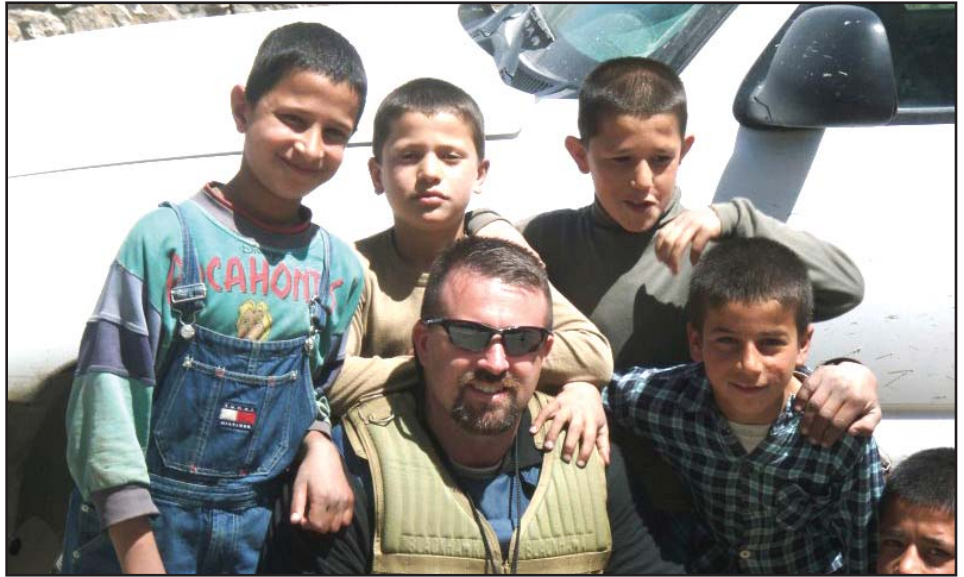
That was until his hummer struck an improvised explosive device (IED) that has meant the tragic end for so many American soldiers.

"I saw that IED turn a 22,000-pound Hummer into scrap metal. It sent a 700-pound door flying like a Frisbee," Martin said.

Along with that door, Martin was thrown 40 feet before he landed, unconscious and having broken nearly every bone in his legs along with his hip, a number of ribs and his left arm.

Amazingly Martin, along with the three men traveling in the Hummer, survived the attack.

While he will be confined to a wheelchair for at least six months, the



Steve Martin

Steve Martin (center) poses with some Afghan children. Martin was wounded Sept. 24 as a member of a Police Mentor Team that was seeking to bring stability to the Afghan National Police.

attack has not soured the cultural journey and experience Martin has gone through since 2005.

After leaving the Army in 1996, Martin returned to Phoenix looking to join the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

"DPS wasn't hiring at the time, so I joined the Phoenix Police Department instead," Martin said.

In 1999, however, Martin finally joined DPS and worked assignments that varied from the Beeline Highway to the DUI squad to a stint as a member of the Department's training staff.

In 2005, his permanent stay with DPS was put on hold when he was selected to

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Chief Mike Longman named IAATI president in early August



New IAATI president

Agency Support Division Chief Mike Longman gives a presentation at the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators conference in August. Held in Sydney, Australia, investigators from 21 countries attended the conference to share experiences.

Agency Support Division Chief Mike Longman was named the new president of the International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) at the association's annual conference, held this year in Sydney, Australia.

More than 250 delegates from 21 countries attended the conference, which was held from Aug. 3-7.

Longman, who personally financed all his travel to the conference, gave presentations on North American auto-theft trends, vehicle theft and the facilitation of major criminal activity and also participated on an international panel discussion that included law enforcement officials from Canada, Italy, Australia and South Africa.

Longman says in his president's welcome, "Vehicle theft and associated criminal activity adversely impacts the quality of life in our communities. It accounts for significant economic loss and facilitates major criminal activity."

DPS Violent Criminal Apprehension Team officially unveiled

In accordance with governor's mandate, DPS, along with partners, targets fugitives

by Kellen Chavez, Digest Staff Writer

Phillip Baldwin.

An ordinary name, but unfortunately the man behind the name comes with a far from ordinary criminal history.

He is a registered sex offender who has admitted to stalking children on their walks to and from school.

In late September, however, he became one of the 336 fugitives that DPS has helped clear off the streets since late May.

On May 12, 2008, Gov. Janet Napolitano signed a mandate that directed DPS to develop a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional statewide plan to arrest people with outstanding felony warrants.

The executive order stated that there are nearly 59,000 outstanding felony warrants statewide with almost 42,000 existing in Maricopa County alone.

With that, the Department created the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team (VCAT) and began seeking the partnership of available law enforcement entities around the state.

When DPS held its official press conference announcing VCAT in mid August the agency had come to agreements with 24 agencies throughout the state to help in taking fugitives off the streets.

At that time 218 warrants had been cleared and six weeks later that number had nearly doubled to 446.

Napolitano said, "These 24 participating law enforcement agencies are demonstrating their commitment to sharing resources to get the job done.

"This kind of cooperation will allow us to take the most violent offenders with felony warrants off the streets. It's a smart way to approach the problem."

Emphasizing the capture of violent criminals takes priority with the team. The number of fugitives is so large because it includes everyone from those wanted for rape and murder to people who have skipped court dates for minor traffic violations.

Director Roger Vanderpool said, "Arresting the most violent fugitives is a major priority of Gov. Napolitano and the Arizona Department of Public Safety."

Criminal Investigations Division Chief David Denlinger added, "It's a responsibility that we [DPS] take on across the board. It's a mission, and fugitive

capturing is going to be a mission for everybody on the agency."

The VCAT partnerships, however, function a little differently than already established initiatives such as IIMPACT and GIITEM.

When called upon for help, a partner agency will provide assistance as a jurisdictional favor for that case only. For example, if DPS calls for assistance from the Phoenix Police Department, those Phoenix PD officers have no permanent assignment to VCAT. As opposed to a task force, partner agencies do not assign officers to a DPS task force. Instead, DPS will call upon partner agencies if information leads to the location of a fugitive in their jurisdiction. Likewise, partner agencies may call upon DPS for assistance in locating fugitives either in their jurisdiction or in areas outside their jurisdiction.

The multiplication of efforts through this partnership is what increases the results of Arizona's law enforcement agencies exponentially.

Denlinger said, "It's a synergistic effect that we're going to apply to try and get rid of the thousands of warrants across the state."

Each of the 24 agencies that serve as partners were convinced to do so based on professional contacts and the healthy relationships DPS has built with other

agencies, statewide, throughout the years.

"Essentially every agency in the state is a partner because whenever we have information in another jurisdiction, that's who we're going to work with," Denlinger added.

In addition to all the work DPS and its partners can provide, there is a 25th partner that serves just as important a role.

The public.

Fugitive hunting can be hit or miss, given the transient nature of criminals, so DPS will rely heavily on good, public-provided tips that may lead to those who may have felony warrants out for their arrest.

The agency has created a Web site (www.azdps.gov/wanted) for VCAT that has a photo listing of Arizona's current most wanted fugitives and hopes to soon have a search engine for every warrant in the state.

DPS has also established a tip line for the public to call at 1-888-768-4481.

Denlinger said, "Our outreach [involves] the public because it is actually very critical to us with tips."

The fugitive-capturing mentality, however, is something that will remain at the forefront of DPS investigations.

"It's [VCAT] not simply a unit. It's a responsibility that DPS will take on across the board," Denlinger said.



Tipline: (888) 768-4481 or 888-sought1

Get the facts **about** the Violent Criminal Apprehension Team



Apartment call

A team of DPS VCAT officers make a call on a warrant at a Phoenix apartment complex. Chasing fugitives at locations like this can be hit or miss, but it is all work done in accordance with Gov. Napolitano's executive order to get criminals off Arizona streets.

Photo by John C. James, Jr., DPS.

100 Club honors accomplishments of Officer Keith Duckett

DPS Canine Officer Keith Duckett was awarded the 2008 Jason Schechterle Outstanding Officer Performance of the Year Award by the 100 Club of Arizona at the Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball on Sept. 20.

Duckett has a history of incredible investigative performance and has acted as a major barrier to the illegal drug trade between Mexico and southern Arizona, continuing to be one of the most successful highway interdiction officers in the state.

A 16-year veteran of the Department, Duckett has served as a canine officer for the past 10 years. In 2007, he seized and assisted in seizing 13,222 pounds of marijuana, 38 pounds of cocaine and over \$99,000 in U.S. currency.

In addition to his police work, Duckett was chosen for his strong family ties and community involvement. After work, he continues to serve his community as a youth soccer coach, member of the soccer board, and as a participant of "El Desemboque," which holds an annual clothing drive to collect and donate clothes to Mexico. Duckett also started a drive for used body



Duckett recognized for service

Officer Keith Duckett (left) stands with Jason Schechterle at his annual scholarship ball. Each year, one police officer and firefighter receives the Jason Schechterle Outstanding Performance of the Year Award for distinguished professional and community service.

armor, which he donates to Mexican law enforcement agencies.

Duckett was the ideal choice for the Outstanding Officer Performance Award based on his commitment to stopping the flow of illegal drugs into Arizona's communities and his dedication to

community service.

"Officer Duckett is the number-one interdiction officer in the state. Add to that all of the other things that he does for his community and he stands out among many," said Jack Ballentine, program chair of the Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball.

The Jason Schechterle Outstanding Performance Award is awarded each year to one officer and one firefighter from Arizona who has achieved a distinguished performance on the job or in the community. Nominations for the award are submitted by the agency and endorsed by the agency head. The awards were presented at the Second Annual Jason Schechterle Scholarship Ball on Sept. 20, 2008, at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix.

Two additional scholarships were also awarded to children of DPS employees at the ball.

Amanda Bolger, daughter of DPS Sgt. Tim Bolger, was awarded the Don Beckstead Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for one year. Bolger is a senior attending Arizona State University, majoring in marketing.

Ashley Jones, daughter of DPS Officer Marion Jones, was awarded the David Felix Scholarship of Excellence in the amount of \$2,500 for one year. Jones is a sophomore attending the University of Arizona, majoring in family studies/human development. She was also previously awarded a 100 Club of Arizona Scholarship for the amount of \$5,000 in 2007.

Retired DPS Cmdr. Terry Tometich named chief of police in Marana

Terry Tometich, who served 31 years with the Department before he retired in late 2005, was officially named police chief of the Marana, Arizona Police Department.

The official announcement was made Sept. 16 by the Marana Town Council.

Tometich, 62, had been serving as the interim police chief since May after previous Chief Richard Vidaurri retired in April.

Since June 1, Tometich has switched the Marana PD from a four-day work week of 10-hour days to a more traditional five-day work week and has raised the number of public contacts more than 90 percent.

The Arizona Daily Star also reported that since his arrival, the number of citations issued in Marana has seen a massive increase from 24 tickets and 58 warnings in May to 583 citations and 812 warnings in June. From May to June, the number of DUI citations increased from three to 24.

Before his retirement with DPS, Tometich served as the Southern Arizona Region Bureau Commander.



Terry Tometich

Several employees, sworn and civilian, promoted on Aug. 25

A number of sworn and civilian employees were promoted during a ceremony held on Aug. 25. Jeannie Dixon, who was unable to attend, was promoted to criminal intelligence analyst.



Heather Alvarez #4739

Alvarez began her career with DPS on Feb. 13, 1993, as a police communications dispatcher trainee for Phoenix OPCOM.

In August 1995, she began the academy as a cadet officer at ALETA. After graduating from the academy, she was assigned to District 3, Show Low. In 2002, she promoted to sergeant for District 3, Kayenta, and then transferred to Sanders in 2003. Since 2005, she has been the administrative sergeant for District 3, Holbrook.

She is now being promoted to lieutenant for Metro West swing shift.

Alvarez was one of the recipients for District 3 Squad of the Year in 2001 and 2002. She received a Director's Unit Citation in 2002 and was Northern Patrol Supervisor of the Year in 2004. Heather briefly served as the interim chief of police for the Holbrook Police Department.

She was a member of the Vehicle Collision Review Board, Sergeant Test Process Committee and DPS Honor Guard.

Alvarez was born in Flagstaff and raised in Globe, Miami. She has been married to her husband, Luis, for 16 years. Alvarez received an Associate of Applied Science degree in law enforcement technology from Rio Salado Community College. She also received a Bachelor of Science degree in public agency service from Northern Arizona University.



Amber Dugan #5639

Dugan began her career with DPS on

July 31, 1999, as a criminal records specialist for the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

In September 2001, she was promoted to administrative assistant for the Applicant Clearance Card Team. Her duties were to perform criminal history checks for teachers, daycare workers, etc. In May 2005, Dugan promoted to intelligence research specialist for the Rocky Mountain Information Network.

She is now being promoted to criminal intelligence analyst remaining with in the Rocky Mountain Information Network.

Dugan was Employee of the Year for the Intelligence Research Section in 2006.

She was born and raised in Phoenix. She has been married to her husband, DPS Officer Pat Dugan, for three years. They have one daughter, Brenna. Dugan is certified in crime and intelligence analysis from Chandler/Gilbert Community College.



Steve Harrison #5080

Harrison began his law enforcement career with the Connecticut State Police.

On Aug. 25, 1995, he joined the Arizona Department of Public Safety as a cadet officer. After graduating from the academy, he was assigned to Metro East.

He transferred to the Vehicular Crimes Unit in 1997 and then to the Special Investigations Unit in 2003. In May 2004, he promoted to sergeant assigned to the Vehicular Crimes Unit. He has served as the administrative sergeant for Criminal Investigations, executive officer for the Director's Office and has also served in the Professional Standards Unit.

He is now being promoted to lieutenant for the Highway Patrol Division.

Harrison received a Director's Unit Citation as a member of the Vehicular Crimes Unit. In June 2008, he received the Excellence in Cooperative Law Enforcement award for his contribution towards planning for Super Bowl XLII.

He was born and raised in Suffield, Conn. He has three sons, Matthew, Christopher and Jacob. He received his

associate's degree in law enforcement technology from Rio Salado Community College. He is also a certified public manager from Arizona State University. He was in the United States Army for five years as a military policeman stationed in West Germany.



Marilyn Hibble #5802

Hibble began her career with DPS on Aug. 5, 2000, as a criminal records specialist for Criminal History Records.

Her duties were to enter and file warrants, process officer and CPS requests, confirm warrants, research court documents and enter dispositions for criminal history records.

She is now being promoted to administrative assistant for the Sex Offender Compliance Unit.

Hibble was born and raised in West Virginia. She has been married to her husband, Bill, for 38 years. They have two children. She received her associate's degree in evidence technology from Phoenix College and is working towards her bachelor's degree in justice studies.



Melony Hubert #5774

Hubert began her career with the Department on May 20, 2000, as a secretary, which was later reclassified to administrative secretary, for the Records and Identification Bureau.

In May 2005, she promoted to executive assistant for the Criminal Justice Support Division.

She is now being promoted to intelligence research specialist for AcTIC.

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Hubert was Employee of the Year in 2003. She is a member of the Office Professionals' Working Group and a volunteer for Salvation Army's "Pack to School" program.

She was born and raised in Milford, Del. She was in the Montana Air National Guard for 10 years and the Arizona Air National Guard for two years.



Yolanda Rivera #4223

Rivera began her career with the Arizona Department of Public Safety on Nov. 13, 1988, as a clerk typist.

In March 1990, she promoted to identification clerk. In October 1997, she promoted to criminal records specialist and then to ACJIS Compliance Specialist in September 2005. Since May 2006, she has been the administrative assistant for the

Applicant Clearance Card Team.

Rivera is now being promoted to intelligence research specialist for AcTIC/CIRU.

She was born and raised in Phoenix. She has been married to her husband, John, for 11 years. They have two daughters, Jessica and Vanessa.



Meloni Rubel #6590

Rubel began her career with DPS on July 16, 2005, as a criminal records specialist for the Criminal History Records Unit.

She completed criminal histories, processed warrants, FBI NICS, and entered dispositions from court documents.

She is now being promoted to intelligence research specialist for GIITEM.

Rubel was born and raised in Arizona. She has two children, Haeleigh and Savannah. She received her Bachelor of

Arts degree in anthropology.



Rhonda Sullivan #5990

Sullivan began her career with the Arizona Department of Public Safety on Nov. 10, 2001, as a criminal records specialist for the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

In June 2005, she was promoted to administrative assistant.

She is now being promoted to intelligence research specialist for the Rocky Mountain Information Network.

In 2005, Sullivan was Employee of the Year for the Applicant Clearance Card Team.

She was born in Casa Grande and raised in Chandler/Gilbert. She has been married to her husband, Dusty, for 21 years. They have two children, Cameron and Ryan. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in dietetics with a minor in chemistry and biology from Northern Arizona University.



Placing nationally

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau Officer Fred Heggstad placed well at the North American Inspectors Championship (NAIC) held in Houston, Texas on Aug. 18-24. Inspectors representing 52 jurisdictions across North America vied for the top spot at this year's competition. This being his first national competition, Heggstad was awarded third place in the North American Standard. In the areas of Hazardous Materials Transportation of Dangerous Goods and Cargo Tank Bulk Packaging Inspection event, Heggstad finished 10th place in the overall standings.



Torch Run honored

Director Roger Vanderpool receives an award, Sept. 18, on behalf of the agency for its collective contributions to the 2008 Law Enforcement Torch Run. Agency Support Division Chief Mike Longman reported the 2008 Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised \$463,060 for Special Olympic Athletes in Arizona to date. DPS contributed the second highest dollar amount, next to the Arizona Department of Corrections.

Kenneth Barton retires from DPS after serving 35 years

Kenneth Barton retired from DPS on Aug. 30 after serving the agency for 35 years.

Barton began his career with DPS as a probationary officer on Aug. 1, 1973. After graduating from the academy, he was assigned to Highway Patrol, District 10.

In May 1977, he transferred to the Criminal Investigations Bureau in Phoenix. On Oct. 12, 1980, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to Advanced Training.

In February 1982, Barton began a four-year assignment in Highway Patrol District 10 in Sun City. He accepted a year-long assignment to the Department of Administration, Capitol Police, in May 1986 after which he transferred to Highway Patrol, Metro Freeway, in Phoenix.

His next assignment was with the Highway Patrol Division staff, in 1988. On June 26, 1988, Barton was promoted to lieutenant and served as a safety officer in Criminal Investigations.

In February 1989, he was assigned as the Highway Patrol district commander in Globe. Later that same year, Barton accepted an assignment as the Aviation commander in Phoenix. Additionally,

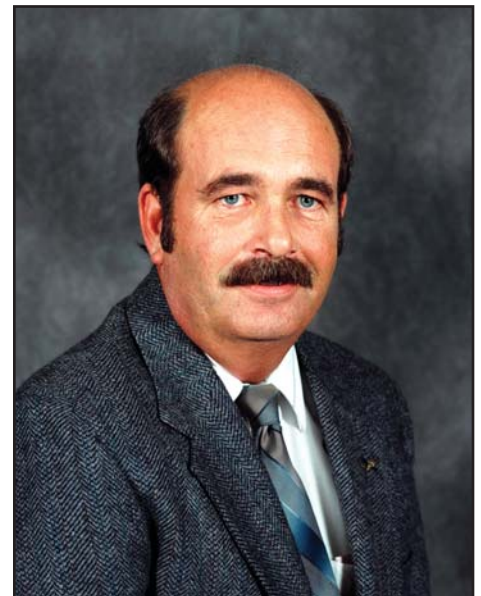
Barton was assigned as the Property and Evidence commander and the reserve coordinator for Highway Patrol Division.

In June 1993, he transferred to the Highway Patrol, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, as a district commander in Phoenix. Barton remained in that position until he transferred to Human Resources in July 2000.

In March 2002, he accepted a second assignment to the Department of Administration to oversee the coordination of the Human Resources Information System Project.

In August 2003, Barton was assigned as the commander in the Department Records Unit for three years. He then returned to the Highway Patrol Division, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, as a district commander and remained in that position until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Barton was recognized on numerous occasions for his commitment to service and dedication. During his time with Criminal Investigations, Barton received the Governor's Citation for outstanding contribution as a member of the Arizona Cooperative Investigative Team.



Kenneth Barton

During his first assignment with the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Bureau, Barton received the Director's Unit Citation in 1997. In September 1998, Barton received the Director's Unit Citation as a member of the International Commercial Vehicle Safety Training Team.

A number of volunteers join DPS in the past two months

A number of new volunteers joined DPS in August and September. The following is the list with their assignment. Not all volunteers had pictures available.



Lionel Talbot
District 12 (Prescott), Highway Motorist Assistant



Cory Sanders
CORE, Video Production Assistant



Linda Nejati
Human Resources, Office Assistant



David Garcia
Safety and Loss, Office Assistant



Russel Buchanan
District 9 (Sierra Vista), Highway Motorist Assistant



Robert Shoup
District 8 (Tucson), Highway Motorist Assistant

Jeffrey Jones
Department Chaplain

Heavy flooding calls for the help of DPS in Grand Canyon evacuations

Torrential rains along with the breaking of the Redland Dam near the Grand Canyon required the evacuation efforts of all four of the Department's Ranger units, on Aug. 17-18.

A number of hikers in the Havasupai Falls area along with the entire Supai Village were ordered to evacuate when the dam broke and flooded Cataract Canyon and Supai Canyon.

DPS Aviation Administrator Richard Thatcher said, "It's unusual to have all four of the rescue units dispatched to one incident at one time but we're always prepared to do that and that's one of the benefits to our operation. We can get four or five helicopters to anywhere in the state within an hour or two."

At around 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 17, the Northern Air Rescue Unit received a request for a search and rescue unit from the Coconino County Sheriff's Office.

Thatcher said, "What happened was the rains breached that dam and basically broke a hole in it and the water that was behind that dam added to the waters that were already flooding in the waters down there from the heavy rains.

"So there was a great concern that the water that was behind that dam was going to add another two and a half feet to what was already flowing down those canyons."

Initially, DPS dispatched its Flagstaff and Kingman Air Rescue helicopters to help.

By Sunday afternoon on the 17th, all of the Departments Air Rescue helicopters from Flagstaff, Kingman, Phoenix and

Jon Scicluna
Department Chaplain

Timothy Olp
Department Chaplain

Robyn Johnson
AcTIC, Computer Forensics

Consuela Garcia
Knutson Station, Office Assistant

Sharon Atchley
CORE, Video Production Assistant

Tucson were up north helping with evacuations.

DPS was not without help, though.

"In addition to our resources, the park service had helicopters there and through the Department of Emergency Management they got two Blackhawk helicopters to head up there and evacuate people from [Supai] village," Thatcher said.

With their larger capacity for holding passengers, the Blackhawks took on the bulk of the responsibility for evacuating the village. The DPS units were more responsible for specific search and rescue assignments.

Thatcher added that by nightfall, all of the hikers and villagers thought to potentially be in danger had been accounted for.

Director Roger Vanderpool, Cmdr. Mike Orose and Cmdr. Dean Nyhart also responded and aided the Grand Canyon National Park emergency operations, which had set up command post at Grand Canyon Airport.

On Monday morning DPS continued to support evacuation efforts with two of its helicopters.

Thatcher said, "We did take one medical patient but I don't think it [his condition] was life threatening. On Monday we had the Kingman Ranger helicopter take the governor down and had her tour all of the damage down there. It was pretty devastating.

"By the end of Monday [the 18th], our participation, as far as the rescue aspect, was done."

Martin . . .

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serve as a United Nations peacekeeper in Kosovo. He received a leave of absence from the Department and embarked on an assignment that had him working with police officers from 49 different countries.

He said, "You work here and you think it's a change to work with officers from five or six different agencies and you experience what it's like to work with officers from 49 different countries.

"It was an incredible learning experience."

He served as a peacekeeper for two years, over which time he was able to visit almost 20 different countries.

"It really made the world seem a lot smaller and I learned that people around the world really don't hate Americans," he said. "That's a message that too often gets misconstrued through the media."

While he has not become a full-on linguist, he learned enough to be able to coherently understand Albanian and German.

After two years as a peacekeeper, he returned to the states to work for a private company specializing in driver training.

In addition, he and his wife, Carolee, who was also a DPS officer, prepared to become reserves with DPS.

Around that time, however, Martin and Carolee were selected to be part of the Police Mentor Team, an Army-embedded unit sent to Afghanistan to establish coherent structure within the Afghan National Police.

Martin had to quickly learn to adapt to the bleak, turbulent environment of the country.

He said, "You have to convoy everywhere. You can't just walk into town in Kabul and buy a light bulb. You'll get kidnapped."

Working strictly through translators, though, Martin and his team were able to make incredible strides in correcting corruption and even instilling unprecedented social acceptance.

"My station was the very first to have armed female police officers working. We had to be creative in building personal relationships because initially we had no influence," he said.

Still, Martin does not sidestep the horrifying nature of the country's everyday

life.

Afghan police die by the hundreds every year fighting the Taliban. Military translators have to constantly keep their faces covered because association with "the invaders" is punished by death.

Martin shared a heart-breaking story of a translator he knew who was murdered by his own cousin because of his refusal to stop working with the Army.

But through the despair, Martin was able to keep perspective through the small, personal victories that came on a day-to-day basis.

He said, "We're not going to instill Democracy over thousands of years of thought and culture. But you have to look for those who genuinely want to fight and make a difference.

"My translator told me he does this because he wants his country to be at peace and that will only happen when the Taliban is defeated."

Although fostered his entire life by a culture thousands of miles away, Martin's personal belief is strikingly similar.

"If we don't fight them [the Taliban] over there then we eventually have to fight

them over here. And I don't want that," Martin said.

But for now, recovery is Martin's primary focus.

Amidst the constant medication, he endures constant pain.

Doctors will not have a clear prognosis until at least three to six months have passed. They do not know if he will even regain the use of his left leg, or whether a bone in his right foot will require fusing that will mean he will never bend his foot again.

But despite the tragedy, despite being heavily medicated in a fifth-floor hospital room that offers little more than a view of north Phoenix, Martin already exudes a determination to remain active in DPS.

He is already registered as a reserve officer with Metro west and talks of plans to work in some capacity in the DPS Armory once he has been released from the hospital.

"It has been a challenge, but all the care I have received from the hospitals has been first rate.

"I am really grateful for everyone from DPS and Phoenix PD who has come and visited me," he said.



A DPS goodbye

Alaska Governor and U.S. vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin shakes the hand of DPS Sgt. Michael Hardt of Prescott shortly before she departed from the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport on October 2. Hardt and the other DPS personnel in the photo worked with the U.S. Secret Service on occasion throughout September and early October to help provide police escort assistance for Palin during her visits to parts of northern Arizona which included a trip to presidential candidate John McCain's ranch. DPS also recently conducted, through its Governor's security function, a protection detail involving presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama following one of his more recent trips to Arizona.

Part of Encanto Plaza set aside for DPS History Museum

For the past several months, a committee consisting of DPS employees, retirees and friends of the agency has been meeting to discuss what it would take to establish a permanent and highly comprehensive DPS history museum.

In September, the committee received news that the Department had officially set aside a good chunk of space for the museum in the Encanto Plaza facility just west of the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix.

The news was greeted with excitement by committee members and others who have long felt DPS should have a dedicated, large, and fully secured area to showcase its proud and intriguing history to the public and anyone else with an interest in the agency.

Due to the extremely challenging financial situation currently facing the state and agency, however, DPS has no monies available at this time to help with other aspects of the project.

Nevertheless, it is the full intent of the History Museum Committee to find the necessary funding to make the museum a reality, especially now that dedicated, precious space is available.

If you would like to find out how you can support the DPS history museum



DPS relic

DPS historical items, like this Model A patrol car, could be on display in the agency's new history museum.

project, which will also showcase the agency's early days as the Arizona Highway Patrol, feel free to contact retired DPS Lt. Col. Larry Thompson via e-mail at larrytaz@w3az.net

Until official funding sources are identified and donations are received, the committee is exploring a potential funding partnership for the project between the Department, the AHPA, the FOP, and the Coalition of DPS Retirees.

Start-up funding is direly needed to

remodel the space available and to provide the necessary display items in the museum which, when completed, may be staffed during business hours by volunteers and retirees.

The Coalition of DPS Retirees recently committed \$2,000 to the History Museum Committee which should serve as initial seed money for the project. Please look for further updates on the DPS history museum and how you will be able to help with the project in future issues of *The Digest*.

Employees lend taste buds to first-ever DPS chili cook-off



Chowin' on chili

DPS employees sample the wide array of chili available at the first-ever DPS chili cook-off in Phoenix benefiting the State Employees Charitable Campaign.

Photo by John C. James, Jr., DPS.

The winner of the first-ever DPS chili cook-off in Phoenix benefiting the State Employees Charitable Campaign (SECC) is DPS Background Investigator Fran Anatra of Surprise.

The fiercely contested, highly spirited cook-off took place on October 9 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the open patio area, also known as Tornambe Terrace, of the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix.

The event, which was attended by more than 120 people, featured six competing chili recipes, each belonging to a DPS employee, and three high-level, agency judges.

The three DPS judges – Chief Dave Denlinger, Chief Jack Lane, and Commander Brian Wilcox – carefully scrutinized each recipe with their taste buds using the five criteria established for chili cook-offs by a national sanctioning society

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for such events.

Through admission fees, a silent auction and donations, the cook-off raised about \$1,000 for the SECC.

Each attending employee had to pay a \$5 admission to enter the outdoor contest area which allowed them to sample the competing chili recipes and also feast on hot dogs, corn bread and dessert.

Tying for second place in the inaugural cook-off was Sergeant Adam Kurgan and Officer Joy Craig. Tying for third place in the event was Records Supervisor Sandy Patterson and Officer Darien Chavez. Finishing in solo fourth place was Administrative Assistant Ed Spychalski.

The first and second place winners received gift certificates to Outback Steakhouse and Sweet Tomatoes.

Based on the success of the event, which was hosted by DPS Human Resources, it is estimated that an October chili cook-off benefiting the SECC will become an annual tradition at DPS.

The statewide SECC campaign is underway with the DPS employees who chose to participate in the campaign turning in their pledge cards by mid-October.



Chief opinion

Photo by John C. James, Jr., DPS.

Criminal Investigations Division Chief David Denlinger (left) and Highway Patrol Division Chief Jack Lane (middle) could not help but lend their own expert judgment to the chili cook-off.

These DPS employees, through small payroll deductions or cash donations, are generously raising money for the effort that benefits hundreds of health and human service agencies throughout Arizona, the nation and abroad.

Several SECC eligible charities have

even helped members of the DPS family in times of need. To learn more about the critically important SECC campaign that DPS supports each year, please visit www.azsecc.org. If you were late in turning in your pledge card, you can still contribute to the campaign.

Tips on how to maximize your use of the DPS Intranet

by Mike Davis, DPS Webmaster

The following guide has been put together to help you take full advantage of several of the features and benefits that the new DPS Intranet has to offer. Start utilizing these features today and maximize your use of the Intranet.

Search Engine: The Intranet has a powerful and fast search engine that will quickly and easily scan everything on the Intranet with one or more keywords. Use the search engine to locate announcements, events, reference materials, forms, categories and more. It can be found in the left-hand column of the Intranet right below the DPS star.

Reference Materials and Forms: These are now completely available on the intranet and always up to date. You can browse, sort, print and save any reference materials or forms.

You can also utilize the search engine to locate any reference materials or forms. Look for the links on the left-hand column

of the Intranet right below the main heading "Agency."

Intranet Archive: The intranet home page displays the most recent 15 postings to the Intranet. In case you missed something or have been away from the Intranet for awhile you can reference the archive for postings you may have missed. The

archive displays the last 100 postings that were previously on the Intranet home page. It can be found on the right-hand side of the "What's New?" bar on the Intranet home page.

Agency Directories: The Intranet currently offers two different phone directories; the employee directory and the functional phone directory. Be sure to check out the "Advanced Search" links

for additional search options. It can be found on the top right-hand column of the Intranet.

Calendar: The mini calendar on the right-hand column of the intranet is now fully interactive. Click on any date and the calendar will show all available events for that date. Coming soon will be listings, pay dates and holidays.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: If you want to look up the birthday or anniversary of an employee you can up to two weeks prior and two weeks ahead of the current day. Look for the date list on the birthday and anniversary links on the calendar.

Posting Your Content: Employees are encouraged to post their content to the Intranet.

If you have announcements or content you would like to add to the Intranet be sure to contact an Intranet administrator for assistance.

The "Post Your Content" link is located in the top right-hand corner of the Intranet.

<http://intranet>

DPS at a Glance

As of Oct. 1, all 109 full-time employee positions in the DPS Operational Communications Bureau were filled. This is the first time in several years that this bureau has had no vacancies. Due to lengthy training and annual turnover that averaged 17 percent over the last 10 years, it has been a challenge for the DPS Operational Communications Bureau to keep positions filled. In 2008, turnover is averaging 10 percent in the bureau and there have been no resignations in any of the three dispatch centers since June. The lower turnover has given the bureau a chance to catch up and fill all vacancies.

DPS Officer Fernando Ayon was named "DPS Officer of the Year" by the Rio Rico Rotary. Ayon was formally recognized by the group at the Rio Rico Resort on Oct. 3, 2008. Attending the event to watch Ayon receive his award were Deputy Director Pennie Gillette-Stroud, Lt. Danny Lugo and members of Ayon's squad.

The Arizona 9-1-1 Office recently provided over \$700,000 to replace the 9-1-1 equipment at the DPS Operational Communications Center in Phoenix.

DPS retiree Wayne Zimmerman survives dual heart and kidney transplants

On Sept. 2, DPS retiree Wayne Zimmerman underwent a life-saving, dual heart and kidney transplant that saved his life.

The 13-hour dual surgery, however, was the first of its kind to be performed at the Arizona Mayo Clinic.

On June 27, Zimmerman, who served DPS for 25 years, was admitted to the hospital for a preexisting heart condition and on June 7 he received an artificial heart transplant.

That lasted until Sept. 2 when he received a donor not only for a heart transplant but for a kidney transplant as well.

He said, "My kidney had deteriorated so much from other medications that the doctors did both."

He has made a healthy recovery since the surgery, although he is still on extensive medication and therapy.

Installation was completed the week of Aug. 25. The new 9-1-1 system will make possible next generation 9-1-1 that includes high-speed IP (internet protocol) connectivity, capability for increased 9-1-1 trunks and digital audio.

A recent traffic stop by a DPS Highway Patrol Officer assigned to the west valley led to the seizure of 10 AK-47 assault rifles from a home in El Mirage. ATF assisted and one of the suspects is under a grand jury indictment for the sale of five AK-47 assault rifles in a previous case.

When the Arizona State Fair rolls around in October 2009, DPS officers assigned to the event may be providing more law enforcement and less security.

Discussions are expected to begin in January 2009 with DPS and Arizona State Fair management about hiring private security guards to supplement the off-duty DPS officers assigned each year to the Arizona State Fair.

If private security guards are brought in to work the Arizona State Fair, it would free up DPS officers to focus more on enforcement. DPS is also going to be working with the Arizona State Fair management in an effort to help them acquire monies from the Department of Homeland Security for security enhancements to the

state fairgrounds.

DPS Detective Jim Oien of Tucson recently received a complimentary letter from Chief Kermit Miller of the Tucson Police Department for his efforts in helping pay tribute to fallen Tucson Police Officer Erik Hite. Oien and his wife, Laurie, helped establish a monument in a Tucson neighborhood dedicated to his memory. Hite was shot and killed in the line of duty this past summer.

The 2008 DPS Craft Show will be held on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the open patio area, also known as Tornambe Terrace, at the DPS headquarters building in Phoenix. Tables are \$20 each with monies going to the DPS Family Support Group. Please contact Debbie Stocker at ext. 2473 for a registration form or if you have questions about this event.

The 2008 Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run, which was heavily supported by DPS, has raised nearly \$500,000 for Special Olympics athletes in Arizona. Thanks to a variety of fundraisers put together by the agency, in addition to employee collection of pledges for the actual "run", DPS contributed the second-highest dollar amount to the 2008 Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run.

FBINAA Corner

The Arizona Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates (FBINAA) held its fall training on Oct. 1 at the Ashley Manor in Chandler and focused on school violence. A presentation was made by the Virginia Tech University Police Department.

Over 160 people attended the training and steak fry that followed.

As the year winds down, the Arizona Chapter of the FBINAA would like to thank those that have continued to support the National Academy.

Spring training will be in April 2009. Show Low and Rio Rico are being considered as training sites. The goal is to move the training around to different parts of the state. Look in future issues of *The Digest* for further updates on the Arizona Chapter of the FBINAA. If you have any questions about the chapter, please e-mail Lt. Mark Ramsey at jremsey@azdps.gov.



Wayne Zimmerman



Dear Director Vanderpool:

I want to let you know how much I appreciate everything DPS did for Russell, me, my children and our family during the time that Russell was ill. I don't know how we would have gotten through that time without your support, especially during the first week after the event.

That first day was so confusing and difficult to absorb. Because of the active support I received, I was able to focus exclusively on the doctor's updates and make decisions for Russell's care that, had we not had you all, would have been far more difficult to do.

It is by far the worst thing I have ever been through, but it would have been much more lonely had there not been so many people from DPS there to support us. It was comforting at that time to know how much Russell is valued by DPS and that we weren't alone in our concern for him.

When the event occurred, I was brought to the hospital along with my then 11-week-old baby. The chaplain, Father Joe O'Donnell, made sure I thought to call family, and that I had a plan for someone to care for my toddler, and spoke on the phone when I couldn't get the words out. Lt. Webb and Lt. Warriner were there to support us with anything we needed.

The shock of the situation left me and our family incapacitated when it came to accomplishing simple tasks. Lt. Webb and Lt. Warriner helped us move around the hospital as Russell was transferred, found private areas for me to use to feed the baby and so many more things. We felt that we were being taken care of so that we could deal only with what was most important to us at that moment and not get overwhelmed with what might occur down the road. Holding myself together was hard enough, but I was able to because they were making sure all the other details were seen to.

You don't think about needing water or tissues, where the bathroom is, or how

to track down a doctor for an update, but we are grateful they did. Even now, I get emotional thinking about how awful that day was, how each time we got news, it was bad. It feels like the world should stop when something this terrible happens, and when it doesn't, having what felt like a family of people who also cared about Russell was what made the difference between completely breaking down and feeling like we could feel some hope in getting through this.

I have to thank you especially for Lt. Webb who stayed with us at the hospital everyday for a week. He was not only capable, dependable and professional, but also possesses the rare ability to really listen in a caring, compassionate manner.

Every bit of good news we received that week was a miracle and he celebrated it along with us. We could tell he truly cared how Russell was doing. Situations like this strip you to your raw emotions that would not normally be shown in the open for everyone. Feeling like we had a DPS family around us, rooting for Russell, gave us strength and decreased our stress level.

We felt comfortable with Lt. Webb and his consistent presence was something that in itself was comforting. We are so grateful too for all the coworkers of Russell who came to sit with us and later visit him, which helped our morale. Lt. Webb helped us here too when the company became too much for us and helped reduce it to a more manageable level. We always felt we could approach him with changes we wanted and he was open and supportive of our needs.

So many people were wonderful at DPS. You all helped us with watching the kids, picking people up from the airport at late hours, and even coming over to our house to see to a few things I had no idea how to do as Russell had always done them. People always say "let me know if there is anything I can do," but it is rare to find someone who means it. DPS showed us that when you say you've joined a family, we really did. I am so grateful.

Anne Vossbrink (Wife of Russell Vossbrink)
Phoenix, AZ

[Editor's note: A full-length feature ran on Russell Vossbrink in the July/August 2008 issue of The Digest.]

Dear Director Vanderpool:

On behalf of the Terrorist Screening Center (TSC), I want to thank you and

commend Officer Shaun Shields of your department on the exceptional work he did during a traffic stop on May 26. During the course of his investigation, Officer Shields followed the appropriate protocol which determined that the individual was a positive match to a known or suspected terrorist on the TSC watch list.

Through Officer Shields' investigative efforts, he was able to collect intelligence that may prove to be of great value to the FBI as well as the Intelligence Community.

The TSC appreciates your leadership and your entire department's dedication to protecting our nation.

Leonard C. Boyle
Director, Terrorist Screening Center

Dear Director Vanderpool:

This note is meant to serve as a "thank you" for the support and assistance provided to my agency by the professional staff members assigned to Kevin Rogers of your Wireless Systems Bureau. On behalf of the Gila County Sheriff's Office, I would especially like to thank DPS Wireless Systems Bureau employees Steve Golisch, Scott Tillman and Randell Farris.

Their engineering expertise has been most beneficial in designing, developing and implementing a microwave radio interface between our agency and the Department of Public Safety network.

We look forward to ongoing successful activities with your bureau in enhancing our mission.

John R. Armer
Sheriff, Gila County

Dear Director Vanderpool:

My husband and I would like to commend Officer Scott Walter for the outstanding service he gave us during a rainstorm Aug. 26 after we damaged our vehicle hydroplaning due to standing water on Interstate 10 west of Benson.

We were stranded in an area with questionable cell phone service and had had our calls for towing services dropped. Officer Walter offered to have a dispatcher call for us. Thankfully the dispatcher was able to arrange for the tow. With darkness approaching, we were becoming increasingly nervous over our plight thus Officer Walter's sincere concern and help was truly appreciated!

Susan Vardon
Tucson, AZ

Inside DPS

35 Years of Service

Lincoln Jr., Casey C., 1452, Asset Tracking Specialist

30 Years of Service

Bergstrom, Larry D., 2412, Generator Technician

Henry, Debra D., 2420, Administrative Manager

25 Years of Service

Copeland, Burley M., 3268, Lieutenant

Justin, Rita J., 3286, Intelligence Research Specialist

Leon-Benitez, Christina N., 3276, Administrative Assistant

McBride, Gayle M., 3275, Administrative Supervisor

Mitchell, Daniel J., 3271, Lieutenant

20 Years of Service

Haas II, James H., 4201, Sergeant II

Maine, Paul B., 4172, Sergeant

Massey III, Winston B., 4178, Sergeant II

Verdoza, Irisema B., 4175, Administrative Services Officer

New Employees

Aguirre, Arnold, 7244, Cadet Officer

Alfano, Michael F., 7245, Cadet Officer

Alvarez, Veronica M., 7258, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

Baum, Kindra L., 7243, Associate Criminalist

Bissonnette, Edgar B., 7265, Cadet Officer

Bouffard, Michael R., 7261, Security Officer

Bowes, Matt, 7266, Cadet Officer

Bugenig, John M., 7267, Cadet Officer

Burton, James G., 7253, Officer

Denike, Melissa S., 7263, Public Safety Call-Taker

Dunlap, Kindra K., 7240, Associate Criminalist

Dusharm, Kylie J., 7259, Associate Criminalist

Estell, Alicia, 7255, Criminal Records Specialist

Garcia, Victor H., 7254, Officer

Gastelum, Jesus M., 7268, Cadet Officer

Gephart, Keith D., 7249, Cadet Officer

Hall, Christina M., 7264, Public Safety Call-Taker

Ildiko, Fejes E., 7241, Associate Criminalist

Jennings, Beth A., 7269, Cadet Officer

Kallansrude, Valerie A., 7270, Cadet Officer

Kramer, Jared J., 7250, Cadet Officer

Lee, Kameron G., 7248, Cadet Officer

Livingston, Chase M., 7252, Cadet Officer

Ng, Gary, 7260, Associate Criminalist

Orozco, Eric P., 7271, Cadet Officer

Ortiz, Derek R., 7272, Cadet Officer

Plemons, Jason C., 7273, Cadet Officer

Pratt, Rachel, 7242, Associate Criminalist

Raley, Kelli B., 7256, Criminalist IV

Raley, Stewart G., 7257, Criminalist III

Rutherford, Tyrell K., 7274, Cadet Officer

Stojanovic, Tijana, 7262, Criminal Intelligence Analyst

Thomas, Michael D., 7275, Cadet Officer

Villegas, Oton W., 7251, Cadet Officer

Watson, Russell W., 7246, Cadet Officer

Wilhelm, Keith H., 7247, Cadet Officer

Departures

Callahan, David J., 7055, Cadet Officer

Douglas, David M., 2755, Telecommunications

Supervisor

Frank, Laura S., 4909, Administrative Secretary

Gaona, Gabriel A., 5554, Officer

Garcia, Connie C., 6854, Office Coordinator

Harper, Robin Lynn, E., 6402, Criminalist

Karas, Michael J., 5433, Officer

Lozano, Marc J., 6144, Officer

McMahan, Thomas J., 7208, Officer

Nyhart, Heather D., 6584, State Service Trainee

Yaste, Michael K., 7107, Officer

Retired

Barton, Kenneth F., 1375, Lieutenant

Birnbaum, Howard A., 3729, Criminalist IV

Chase, Mary Ellen, 4594, Administrative Secretary

Ellis, Cindy A., 3543, Executive Assistant

Swencki, Donald L., 4100, Officer

Deaths

Jill Padilla, wife of District 6 Sgt. Ron Padilla, passed away on July 28.

Former Crime Lab employee Patricia Desha passed away on July 29.

The father of Arizona GangNet Administrator Greg Thomas passed away on the morning of July 31.

Retired Major J. A. "Jim" Centner Sr. passed away from a heart attack at his home in San Marcos, Calif., on Aug. 31.

Angelene Simmons, the granddaughter of Sgt. Bob Coryell and his wife, Ginger, passed away in September.

After battling a long illness, former DPS Dispatcher Jill Hickman passed away on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Retired DPS Officer, John Edward Stoneberger died Sept. 24.

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Down the Highways

October 1968

DPS Sgt. Len Taylor was the top money winner in the first rodeo sponsored by the Associated Highway Patrolmen of Arizona Oct. 5-6 in Tucson.

Patrolman Jim Polito took first in bronco riding while Patrolman Bill Winberly captured honors in bullriding. Patrolmen Dan Leonard and John Kennedy combined to win the team-roping event. Patrolman Roger Boddy was a member of the winning steer-dressing team.

September 1973

Two roofers were arrested Sept. 14 as suspects in the burglary of the Phoenix home of DPS Sgt. Scott Chesnut.

Chesnut told Phoenix police among the items missing were several revolvers. Bits of roofing material Chesnut found inside the home led him to suspect the two workmen employed to install a new roof on his home.

The roofers were later arrested following a second burglary attempt. The weapons were found in an alley near Chesnut's home.

October 1978

Phoenix DPS Motor Officer Bill Sautler, 35, was seriously injured Oct. 16

in an accident near the intersection of Mill Road and Pebble Beach in Tempe.

Investigators said Sautler was southbound on Mill when he collided with a car exiting from a private driveway. Sautler was taken to an area hospital for treatment of facial, leg and head lacerations, contusions and a fractured arm.

September 1983

Three DPS officers received a Meritorious Service Award from DPS Director Ralph Milstead during ceremonies conducted in mid September in Phoenix.

Receiving Meritorious Service Awards were Officers Ron DeLong, Leo Smith and Anthony Slusher. DeLong rescued two youngsters who were stranded on a rock ledge while Smith and Slusher received awards for negotiating and disarming a man who was threatening to shoot and kill a neighbor.

October 1988

After landing an airplane on a farm near Winkleman, the "crew" got jittery and fled the scene in a pickup truck leaving behind 1,125 pounds of marijuana.

DPS Sgt. Rick Knight of the DPS Air Smuggling Unit said officers from DPS, the Pinal County Sheriff's Office and

U.S. Customs seized the plane, marijuana, \$2,000 in U.S. currency, two pickups and a Datsun 300ZX.

September 1993

A search warrant served at a Goodyear residence Sept. 29 not only resulted in shutting down a meth lab but also in the arrest of a suspect sought in two different homicides.

DPS Sgt. Johnny Sanchez said the multi-agency night-time raid went off without a hitch as officers arrested four suspects and seized a 1993 Oldsmobile.

During the search, Sanchez said officers learned that one of the suspects was wanted by Peoria police on two different murder charges. Another suspect was wanted by Peoria police on burglary and aggravated assault charges.

October 1998

On Oct. 21, members of the Southwest Border Alliance arrested three suspects for conspiracy to distribute 11 pounds of cocaine.

The investigation originated in Yuma but moved to Phoenix when the principal targets were identified. An ensuing sting operation resulted in the seizure of \$58,000 in cash.